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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL HYDROGEN ENERGY BOARD
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a National Hydrogen Energy Board to promote Hydrogen for power generation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Board has given its recommendations to the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for technical and commercial collaboration with international agencies/institutions in this field?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a) &(b): Yes, Sir. Keeping in view the importance of hydrogen as a major energy source in the coming years, the Ministry has constituted a National Hydrogen Energy Board. The Board has high level representation from Government, Industry, Academic Institutions and Experts. The Board will provide guidance in the preparation and implementation of the National Hydrogen Energy Road Map and Programme covering different aspects of hydrogen energy including production, storage, transport, delivery, safety and utilization.

(c)& (d): The Board is meeting regularly to discuss various aspects of hydrogen energy with industry, concerned Government Departments and Agencies, Research Groups and others concerned. However, at present no specific recommendations have been given by the Board.

(e): The Government has been holding discussions with various international and bi-lateral agencies on different aspects of hydrogen energy. However, there is no firm proposal under consideration in this regard.